

**APPROPRIATION TO MEET HIGHLY  
QUALIFIED TEACHER STANDARDS**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Kory M. Holdaway**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates a grant program to minimize out-of-pocket expenses of licensed teachers to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to give grants to school districts and charter schools to pay for costs directly related to enabling certain licensed teachers to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards;
- ▶ requires school districts and charter schools to provide matching funds to qualify for a grant;
- ▶ specifies how grant monies may be used;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to make rules for the administration of the grant program; and
- ▶ repeals the grant program on July 1, 2007.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates \$1,500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 only, to the State Board of Education.

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**



AMENDS:

**63-55b-153**, as last amended by Chapters 131 and 223, Laws of Utah 2003

ENACTS:

**53A-6-111**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53A-6-111** is enacted to read:

**53A-6-111. Grants for licensed teachers to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards.**

(1) As used in this section, "licensed teacher" means a teacher who holds:

(a) a level 1, level 2, or level 3 license; and

(b) the endorsements required by board rule for the teacher's teaching assignments.

(2) A grant program is created to minimize out-of-pocket expenses of licensed teachers to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards as defined in 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7801.

(3) The State Board of Education shall give grants to school districts and charter schools for the purpose stated in Subsection (2) from monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(4) To receive a grant, a school district or charter school shall provide matching funds to minimize out-of-pocket expenses of licensed teachers to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards in an amount equal to the grant.

(5) Grant monies and matching funds shall be used to pay for costs of school districts, charter schools, or licensed teachers that are directly related to enabling licensed teachers to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards, including:

(a) college or university tuition and fees;

(b) costs of instructors and supplies for courses and workshops offered by school districts; and

(c) fees for tests that, if the licensed teacher passes, the teacher meets federal highly qualified teacher standards.

(6) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated by the Legislature to pay for costs directly related to enabling licensed teachers to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards to school districts and charter schools in accordance with:

(a) Subsection (4); and

(b) a formula adopted by the board, after consultation with school districts and charter schools, that allocates the funding in a fair and equitable manner.

(7) The State Board of Education shall make rules in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to administer this section.

Section 2. Section **63-55b-153** is amended to read:

**63-55b-153. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**

(1) Subsection 53-3-205(9)(a)(i)(D) is repealed July 1, 2007.

(2) Subsection 53-3-804(2)(g) is repealed July 1, 2007.

(3) Title 53, Chapter 12, State Olympic Public Safety Command Act, is repealed July 1, 2003.

(4) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2007.

(5) Section 53A-6-111 is repealed July 1, 2007.

[~~(5)~~] (6) Section 53B-8-104.5 is repealed July 1, 2009.

Section 3. **Appropriation.**

(1) There is appropriated \$1,500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 only, to the State Board of Education to distribute to school districts and charter schools to pay for costs directly related to enabling licensed teachers to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards.

(2) The money appropriated in Subsection (1):

(a) shall be used as provided in Section 53A-6-111; and

(b) is nonlapsing.

Section 4. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 1-23-04 12:45 PM**

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**State Impact**

This bill appropriates, one-time, \$1,500,000 for the state portion of a grant program outlined in the bill. To participate in the grant program, local school districts and charter schools shall provide matching funds in an amount equal to the grant.

	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No Fiscal Impact

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